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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 880

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, ZA, RH

SUBJ: AMERICAN CITIZENS REPORTEDLY SHOT BY ZAMBIAN TROOPS

REF: LUSAKA 879

1. O' DONNELL, RHODESIAN SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CALLED SECOND TIME 1100 LOCAL SAYING RESCUE OPERATIONS UNDERWAY. GAVE DETAILS RE CANADIANS WHICH HAVE BEEN PASSED TO CANADIAN HICOM. SAID FOUR PART OF GROUP OF EIGHT TRAVELING TOGETHER. NATIONALITIES OTHER FOUR NOT KNOW. UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY ALSO IN GORGE WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED. O' DONNELL CALLED AGAIN 1230 LOCAL SAYING MR. CARUTHERS NOW AT WANKIE HOSPITAL, CONDITION SATISFACTORY. MRS. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO APPARENTLY THERE; SHE UNINJURED, BEING TREATED FOR SHOCK. BODY OF ONE CANADIAN STILL IN GORGE, OTHER BODY MISSING. SAID THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER FIRE FROM ZAMBIAN SIDE.

2. RADIO RHODESIA CARRIED REGIME STATEMENT ON 1210 NEWSCAST SAYING RHODESIANS HAD " IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE" SHOTS CAME FROM ZAMBIAN SIDE OF RIVER. ALSO SAID " NO QUESTION" OF " TERRORIST INVOLVEMENT" IN INCIDENT. INDICATED REGIME HAS INFORMED US EMBASSY LUSAKA OF INCIDENT.

3. MOFA IN TOUCH WITH DEFENSE MINISTRY BUT SAYS THERE NOT MUCH ZAMBIANS CAN DO AS ALL ACTION ON RHODESIAN SIDE OF RIVER. SAID THERE WOULD BE INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. CANADIAN HICOMER RAISED MATTER WITH PRESIDENT WHO SAID IT WOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

4. FOR OTTAWA: CANADIAN KNOWN DEAD IS CHRISTINE LOUISE SINCLAIR, AGE 19, NEXT OF KIN D. R. SINCLAIR, 130 DUBLIN ST., GUELPH, ONTARIO. CANADIAN MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD IS MARIAN IDUSA SIJTSCHJE DRIJBER, AGE 18, NEXT OF KIN O. L. DRIJBER, MARY STREET, ROCKWOOD, ONTARIO. CANADIAN HICOM ATTEMPTING INFORM OTTAWA OF DETAILS BY TELEPHONE.

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